Department of Marine Resources NOTICE OF AGENCY RULE-MAKING PROPOSAL

RULE TITLE: Chapter 26.07(1) Sea Urchin Harvesting Season 2010 - 2011 2009-2010 - Zone 1

CONCISE SUMMARY: For purposes of conservation, pursuant to 12 M.R.S. §6171, §6171-A and §6749 this regulation establishes season limits for the taking of sea urchins by divers, rakers, trappers, and draggers in **Zone 1** for 2010-2011. The Department proposes a 10 day season for divers, trappers, rakers and draggers in 2010-2011, which was the same length of season in 2009-2010. The Sea Urchin Zone Council recommended the selection of these particular days. Divers, rakers and trappers will have a choice of fishing 10 days in September or 10 days in December; and draggers in December or late December/January.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S. §6171, §6171-A and §6749

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

June 15, 2010, 6:00 PM*, Dept. of Marine Resources, Conf. Rm., 200 McKown Pt. Rd., West Boothbay Harbor (*The Zone 1 season and reporting proposed rules will be followed by proposed season rules for Zone 2; see separate rulemaking notices.)

June 16, 2010, 7:00 PM*, Ellsworth City Hall (Auditorium), One City Hall Plaza, Ellsworth (*The Zone 2 season proposed rules will be followed by proposed season and reporting rules for Zone 1; see separate rulemaking notices.) To ensure consideration, comments must include your name and the organization you represent, if any. Please be aware that any risk of non-delivery associated with submissions by fax or e-mail is on the sender.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: June 28, 2010

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FAX: (207) 633-9579; TTY: (207) 633-9500 (Deaf/Hard of Hearing) Hearing facilities: If you require accommodations due to disability, please contact Amanda Beckwith, at (207) 287-7578.

Proposed rulemaking – see underlined or deleted text below:

Chapter 26 - Sea Urchin Regulations

26.07 Sea Urchin Harvesting Season 2009-2010-2011 pursuant to 12 M.R.S.A §6749

- 1. Zone 1 [as defined by 12 M.R.S.A. §6749-N(1)]
 - A. Early season for divers, trappers and rakers
 The Zone 1 season for divers, trappers and rakers who have certified the early season on forms provided by
 the Commissioner, is open September 13 to 15, 20 to 23 and 27 to 29, 2010 14 to 16, 21 to 24 and 28 to 30,
 2009-inclusive.
 - B. Late season for divers, trappers and rakers
 The Zone 1 season for divers, trappers and rakers who have certified the late season on forms provided by
 the Commissioner, is open December 13 to 16, 20 to 23, 27 and 28, 2010 7 to 9, 14 to 17, and 21 to 23, 2009inclusive.
 - C. Early season for draggers [in accordance with 12 M.R.S.A. §6749-V]
 The Zone 1 season for draggers who have certified the early season on forms provided by the Commissioner, is open December 13 to 16, 20 to 23, 27 and 28, 2010 7 to 9, 14 to 17, and 21 to 23, 2009 inclusive.
 - D. Late season for draggers [in accordance with 12 M.R.S.—§6749-V]
 The Zone 1 season for draggers who have certified the late season on forms provided by the Commissioner, is open December 27 to 29, 2010 and January 3 to 6 and 10 to 12, 2011 January 5 to 7, 11 to 14, and 18 to 20, 2010 inclusive.

Note: M.R.S.A. would be replaced by M.R.S. throughout the entire chapter.

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Proposed 2010 - 2011 Sea Urchin Season For Maine Zone 1

O = Open

= Closed

Early Season for Divers, Rakers, and Trappers

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<u>Late</u> Season for Divers, Rakers, and Trappers

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Early Season for Draggers

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Late Season for Draggers

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